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In re Patent Application of: Eduardo BLUMWALD et al.

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BIOREMEDIATION

Examiner: A. Kubelik

## COMMUNICATION REGARDING AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a copy of the Amendment after Final Action which we filed with the USPTO on August 1, 2007, as well as a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile received from the USPTO confirming receipt of the Amendment. In addition, PAIRS shows a Patent Application Fee Determination Record dated August 1, 2007 was generated by the USPTO which further confirms receipt of our Amendment. However, Examiner Kubelik, who is assigned to this case, says she did not receive the Amendment, and PAIRS also does not show the Amendment as being filed. Therefore, we are submitting a copy of the Amendment as filed on August 1, 2007.

Please enter the Amendment as soon as possible. No fee is believed to be required since the response was timely filed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is

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determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 595792000121. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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